

report of a rule entitled "Credit for Production of Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel" (Rev. Proc. 2007-69) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4077. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phase-out of Credit for New Qualified Hybrid Motor Vehicles and New Advanced Lean Burn Technology Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2007-98) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4078. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 3121(a)(5)(D) Final Regulation" ((RIN1545-BH00)(TD 9367)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4079. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Track Maintenance Credit" ((RIN1545-BE90)(TD 9365)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4080. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification Requirement for Tax-Exempt Entities Not Currently Required to File" ((RIN1545-BG38)(TD 9366)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4081. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Returns Required on Magnetic Media" ((RIN1545-BD65)(TD 9363)) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-257. A collection of petitions forwarded by the Benefit Security Coalition relative to Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1382. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the

Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Steven C. Acosta and ending with Marc A. Zlomek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 7, 2007.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Damon L. Bentley and ending with Tanya C. Saunders, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2007.

\*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Llian G. K. Breen and ending with Anna-Elizabeth B. Villard-Howe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2007.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2405. A bill to provide additional appropriations for payments under section 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2406. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States to obtain reimbursement under the Medicaid program for care or services required under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act that are provided in a nonpublicly owned or operated institution for mental diseases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2407. A bill to provide for programs that reduce the need for abortion, help women bear healthy children, and support new parents; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Con. Res. 58. A concurrent resolution welcoming First Minister Dr. Ian Paisley

and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the United States; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport